

REMARKS

Status of Claims & Summary of Amendments

1. Claims 1 through 21 were originally presented in this application. By preliminary amendment, claims 1 through 10 and 13 through 21 were canceled, and new claims 22 through 27 were added. Claims 11 and 12 were amended in the same preliminary amendment. In Applicants' reply to the first Office action on the merits, multi-dependent claim 27 was cancelled and rewritten as five distinct new dependent claims 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32. New claims 33-36 were added in Applicants' reply to the second Office action on the merits.
2. Claims 11, 12, 22-26 and 28-36 have been examined in the most recent Office action, made final and detailed in a communication mailed on August 24, 2006. The present Office action has allowed claims 11, 12, 22-24, and 28-34. Claims 25, 26, 35, and 36 stand rejected for various reasons, as set forth in the August 24, 2006 communication.
3. In this paper, claim 34 has been amended, as described below, to correct an inadvertent typographical error noted by the Office. Claim 34 should now be allowable. Rejected claims 25, 26, 35, and 36 have been canceled without prejudice and are expressly reserved for further prosecution via one or more divisional and/or continuation applications.
4. Accordingly, the claims that remain pending are allowed claims 11, 12, 22-24 and 28-34.

Claim Objection

5. Claim 34 was objected to because of the informality that, as the Office noted, "'550 mm' should be changed to --550 nm--." Claim 34 has been amended in accordance with the Office's suggestion. This amendment is ministerial and therefore non-substantive in nature. It is not related to patentability, and is not intended to (and is not believed to) alter the scope and/or subject matter of the amended claim as previously presented.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

6. Claims 25, 26, 35, and 36 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by *Brady et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,294,518).

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7. As noted above, claims 25, 26, 35, and 36 have been canceled without prejudice in this paper. Said claims are expressly reserved for future prosecution in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications.

Accordingly, Applicants courteously urges that this application is now in condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicants request allowance of pending claims 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is solicited.

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